

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2007. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-15 and 18 have been rejected. Claims 1, 17 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

At paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the title of the invention as not descriptive. The Applicant has amended the title to overcome this rejection. The title as amended is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed, so that rejection should be withdrawn.

At paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner suggests that the step of "forming a network" does not appear to be a tangible result. The Examiner considers that the act of "forming" is merely a thought or an abstract idea and that using the word "generating" would fix the problem. We respectfully disagree with the Examiner's analysis of the phrase "forming a network". Nevertheless, in the interests of expediting prosecution of this application, the Applicant amends claims 1 and 17 as the Examiner suggests. The rejections of claims 1 and 17, as amended, should be withdrawn.

At paragraph 8, the Examiner rejects claims 2-15 as depending from rejected claim 1. Since claim 1 as amended is allowable, claims 2-15 should also be allowable. Those rejections should be withdrawn.

At paragraph 9, the Examiner rejects claim 18 under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is not directed to statutory matter. In particular, the Examiner suggests that the phrase "organized into a branched tree-like network" does not appear to be a tangible result, and that the act of "organized" is merely a thought or an abstract idea. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection, but to expedite prosecution amends claim 18 to overcome the rejection. The rejection of claim 18 as amended should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of

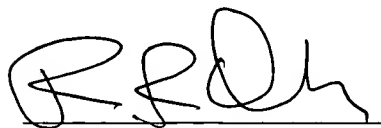
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this response, however the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 08-0219
for any required fee necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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